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## Pocket Parks Dress-Up Down Town

The Sturgis Parks Department has been busy sprucing up the down town area. This pocket park is an example of one idea that was brought forth by the Beautification Committee, formed under the Future Sturgis group.

These small resting areas provide a welcoming spot for visitors and residents to stop and relax while they visit the down town area. In addition to the benches and shrubs, these pocket parks will also feature picnic tables, trash cans, and informational boards that will communicate various points of interest in the Sturgis community.

Several flower pots are also being added to the down town streets to help make the down town area more inviting.

If you would like to learn more about the Future Sturgis committees, visit the City web site at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) and click on the Government tab.



## Reminders

**City offices will be closed on Friday, July 3.** Trash normally picked up on Friday will be picked up on Thursday, July 2.  
**Public Safety Day** - Saturday, July 11. Join the Sturgis Police Department on Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Sturgis City Park. This free event is part of the Party in the Park and BAM events featuring a variety of activities for the entire family including bicycle events, art, live music, vendors, games, a blood drive, and more. For more information visit [www.sturgisbam.com](http://www.sturgisbam.com).



## Announcements and Meetings

**Sturgis City Council:** July 6, 20, and 27. Council meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. at the Sturgis Community Center 1401 Lazelle Street. Council agendas and minutes can be viewed on-line at [sturgis-sd.gov](http://sturgis-sd.gov). The July 27 meeting is being held in lieu of the August 4 meeting due to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally.  
**Forestry:** July 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**Park Board:** July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Morman Law Firm 850 Main Street.  
**Planning and Zoning:** July 14 and 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**Arts Council:** July 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**MUB Board:** July 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the downstairs conference room at City Hall.  
**Library Board:** July 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the Library.  
**Meetings schedules in August may be changed due to the Rally - please check our website calendar at [Sturgis-sd.gov](http://Sturgis-sd.gov) for updates.**

## Officials

### **Mayor**

Maury LaRue 347-4422

### **Council Members**

Ward One:

Mark Chaplin 720-3792  
Joe DesJarlais 347-7928

Ward Two:

Sherry Scudder 720-2768  
David Hersrud 347-5061

Ward Three:

Clint Brengle 720-0171  
Jamie McVay 720-5780

Ward Four:

Dane Sundstrom 490-1172  
Bernadette Usera 720-9424

### **City Manager**

Dave Boone 347-4422

## Sturgis Celebrates Cavalry Days June 26-27



*Members of the 8th Cavalry pose on the front steps of a building at Fort Meade in July 1892.*

Sturgis will celebrate Cavalry Days on June 26 and 27 with several events scheduled through out the two day celebration.

**Friday June 26** - 9:00 - 5:00 Tours of the \*Ft. Meade Cavalry Museum , Art & Quilt Shows at the Sturgis Armory and Weaver Art Gallery.

12:00 Noon - Gunfight on Main Street.

2:00 - 4:00 Ice Cream Social.

5:00 - 7:00 \*Chili Cook-Off & Public Feed.

**Saturday June 27** - 9:00 - 5:00 Tours of the \*Ft. Meade Cavalry Museum , Art & Quilt Shows at the Sturgis Armory and Weaver Art Gallery.

10:00 Cavalry Days Parade on Main Street.

11:00 - 12:00 Fishing Derby - Lions Park.

11:00 - 5:00 \*Barry Stadium:

Civil War Cannon Crew & Demonstrations.

Dutch Oven Cook Off.

12:00 Noon - Belle Fourche Cowboy Band Concert.

\*Some events require admission. For a full schedule contact the Sturgis Area Chamber of Commerce at 347-2556 or [Sturgis-sd.org](http://Sturgis-sd.org).





City Will Spray for Mosquitoes

Despite the recent budget cuts at the State level, the City of Sturgis will continue to monitor and treat areas of concern in an attempt to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus. Areas that have standing water such as bird baths, old tires, ponds, creeks and ditches encourage mosquito breeding and the potential spread of the disease. Homeowners are encouraged to check their property to identify and reduce areas that may provide mosquito habitat.

Most mosquitoes are active at dusk and dawn. To avoid being bitten by mosquitoes the state recommends avoiding outdoor activities during these times, wear loose-fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible, and use mosquito repellants.

For more information regarding the West Nile Virus and mosquito control, visit the following websites: [www.doh.sd.gov](http://www.doh.sd.gov) or <http://sdces.sdstate.edu> and click on the West Nile Virus link.



MUB Discontinues Availability Fees

In February, the Municipal Utility Board (MUB) discontinued the collection of 'availability fees'. The purpose of this fee was to help decrease the rising cost of services to the community by having businesses and property owners that vacate their property during the year, pay for the availability of services. This is a common fee that many City's apply when there is a high seasonal vacancy of buildings and homes.

Questions regarding the availability fee can be directed to the Sturgis Utility Department at 347-4425.

Despite Wet Weather - Seventh Street Crossing Nearly Complete

Public Works crews are nearing completion of the new Seventh Street crossing over Bear Butte Creek. The street was closed last fall after heavy rains washed out the 48" culverts under the roadway. The old culverts have been replaced with eight foot concrete box culverts. "It will take an enormous amount of water to wash these culverts out," stated Public Works Director Randy Nohava. A pavement overlay and new guardrail installation will complete the project by the end of June.



Did You Know...

- Due to public safety concerns, the full width of sidewalks shall be kept clear of all vegetation between the walking surface and eight (8) feet above the walking surface.
  - City ordinance 12.08.03 regulates the use of fireworks. No person shall explode, set off or fire any fireworks within the City or within one mile thereof except during the specified allowable time period which shall commence at 6:00 am July 3rd and end at 12:00 am July 5th. No person shall at any time, including the time period specified above, explode, set off or fire any fireworks within any City park.
- All City ordinances may be viewed on the City's website at [sturgis-sd.gov](http://sturgis-sd.gov).



On June 16, City officials and local resident Bob Regan gave SD Lt. Governor Daugaard and SD Representative Larry Rhoden a first hand look at the landslide damage on Sly Hill.

2009 Citizen's Survey Results

In March of 2009, a total of 2,575 surveys were submitted to City residents as an insert in the Sturgis Information Publication. A total of 312 Surveys were returned representing a 12% response rate. The following is a summary of the survey results:

- ◆ When asked to rate the overall quality of life in Sturgis, results were:  
63% Excellent/Good 26% Fair  
7% Poor 4% NA
- ◆ When asked to rate various characteristics of Sturgis including a sense of community, overall appearance, ease of travel, and quality of development:  
51% Excellent/Good 32% Fair 13% Poor 4% NA
- ◆ When questioned about the feeling of safety when crossing the streets or walking alone at night:  
85% Very Safe 10% Usually Safe 2% Not Safe 3% NA
- ◆ When asked about problems in the neighborhood such as traffic, crime, vandalism, noise, parking, and rundown houses and buildings:  
76% No/Minor Problem 14% Moderate Problem 5% Extreme 5% NA
- ◆ Use or participation in various events in the last 12 months including the use of a park, the Community Center, participation in a recreation program or attendance at a City sponsored event :  
70% Less than 4 Times 16% 5-12 Times 11% More than 12 times 3% NA
- ◆ Of the 312 people who turned in surveys, 246 have had contact with a City employee or representative in the last 12 months. Of these, the overall impression of the contact was:  
80% Excellent/Good 11% Fair 6% Poor 3% NA
- ◆ Questions about the Public Works Department, including refuse collection, recycling efforts, cost, quality of street repairs, snow removal, street sweeping, and street lighting:  
52% Excellent/Good 25% Fair 18% Poor 4% NA
- ◆ Requested opinions about the size, quality, and number of recreational facilities currently available:  
67% Excellent/Good 17% Fair 2% Poor 14% NA
- ◆ This was a single specific questions asking if you or your family would benefit from the City building a new water park. Of the 283 people who responded, 36% said Yes, 64% said No.

This is a summary of survey results. Overall, the City did well in most areas according to survey results but there is room for improvement in some areas. Citizen surveys are often used to assist with budgeting, resource planning and goal setting. Your answers help the Mayor and Council make decisions that affect our community and will provide us with crucial information that will help us serve you in the best way possible.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this survey. The next survey will be conducted this fall. This was a non-scientific survey. If you would like to review specific questions or answers, you may receive a copy of the survey at City Hall. If you or someone you know has a disability that requires assistance with reading or filling out a survey, please contact City Hall at 347-4422 when the next survey is distributed.



Contact Information
City Manager 347-4422 Community Development 347-4424 Finance Office 347-4422 Human Resources 347-4422 Rally Department 720-0800 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1040 2nd Street
Community Center 347-6513 5:00 - 9:00 Mon. - Fri. 8:00 - 8:00 Sat. Noon - 8:00 Sun. 1401 Lazelle Street
Fire & Ambulance 347-5801 Emergency 911 7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1901 Ball Park Road
Library 347-2624 8:30 - 7:00 Mon. - Thu. 8:30 - 5:00 Fri. 8:30 - 4:00 Sat. 1040 2nd Street
Liquor Store 347-5983 8:00 - 10:00 Mon. - Sat. 10:00 - 8:00 Sun. 1075 Lazelle Street
Parks Department 347-9018 8:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. 1040 2nd Street Shelter Reservations call 347-4422
Police Department 347-5070 Emergency 911 1400 Main Street
Public Works 347-3916 7:00 - 4:00 Mon. - Fri. 1057 Dudley Street Rubble Site 8:00 - 5:00 Tue. - Fri. 8:00 - 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00 Mon. and Sat.
Water Department 347-4425 7:00 - 5:00 Mon. - Fri. After Hour Emergency call Police Dispatch 347-2573